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c. 1860

Thomas J. Dixon House

Marion vicinity

private

The Thomas J. Dixon house is a moderately significant example of a nineteenth-century farmhouse with a distinguishing hip roof and bracketed eaves. The exterior and interior have been remodeled with the application of artificial metal siding and board paneling.

This farm figures prominently in the early history of Somerset County as part of the Dixon family lands and as the site of Quaker meetings. It is an established local tradition that a former rear wing was the old Quaker meeting house which had been moved up to the house. This tradition remains unconfirmed since the rear wing burned several years ago.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-261

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas J. Dixon House

and/or common Solomon Tull Farm

2. Location

street & number N.W. Side of Charles Cannon Road not for publication

city, town Marion X vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u>X</u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert Ganister

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Hatborough state and zip code PA

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

c. 1860-1870

The Thomas J. Dixon House is a two-story three-bay center hall frame house that stands on the northwest side of Charles Cannon Road near Marion, Somerset County, Maryland. The farmhouse is accompanied by the Dixon family cemetery.

Facing southeast, the hip roofed structure rests on a common bond brick foundation and is sheathed with aluminum siding. A center gable interrupts the roofline on both the front and rear facades, while the eaves are trimmed with covered-over brackets. A pair of twin brick chimney stacks rise from the center of the house and are finished with corbelled and dentiled caps.

The southeast (main) facade is symmetrically arranged with a center door and flanking 6/6 sash windows. The double two-panel doors have heavy mid 19th-century moldings and are framed by four-light sidelights and a two-light transom. The second floor and attic are lighted by 6/6 sash windows. Finally, a small shed roof porch covers the entrance bay, and the basement walls are pierced with small openings with horizontal diamond cross-sectioned bars.

Both gable ends have single window openings on each floor and bracketed eaves.

To the rear a modern service wing has been added in place of an earlier kitchen. Local tradition has maintained that part of the previously burned wing was the old Quaker Meeting House which was moved up to the Dixon House.

The interior of the main block has been largely remodeled but the third quarter of the 19th century stair, a heavily turned newel post and turned balusters remain intact.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

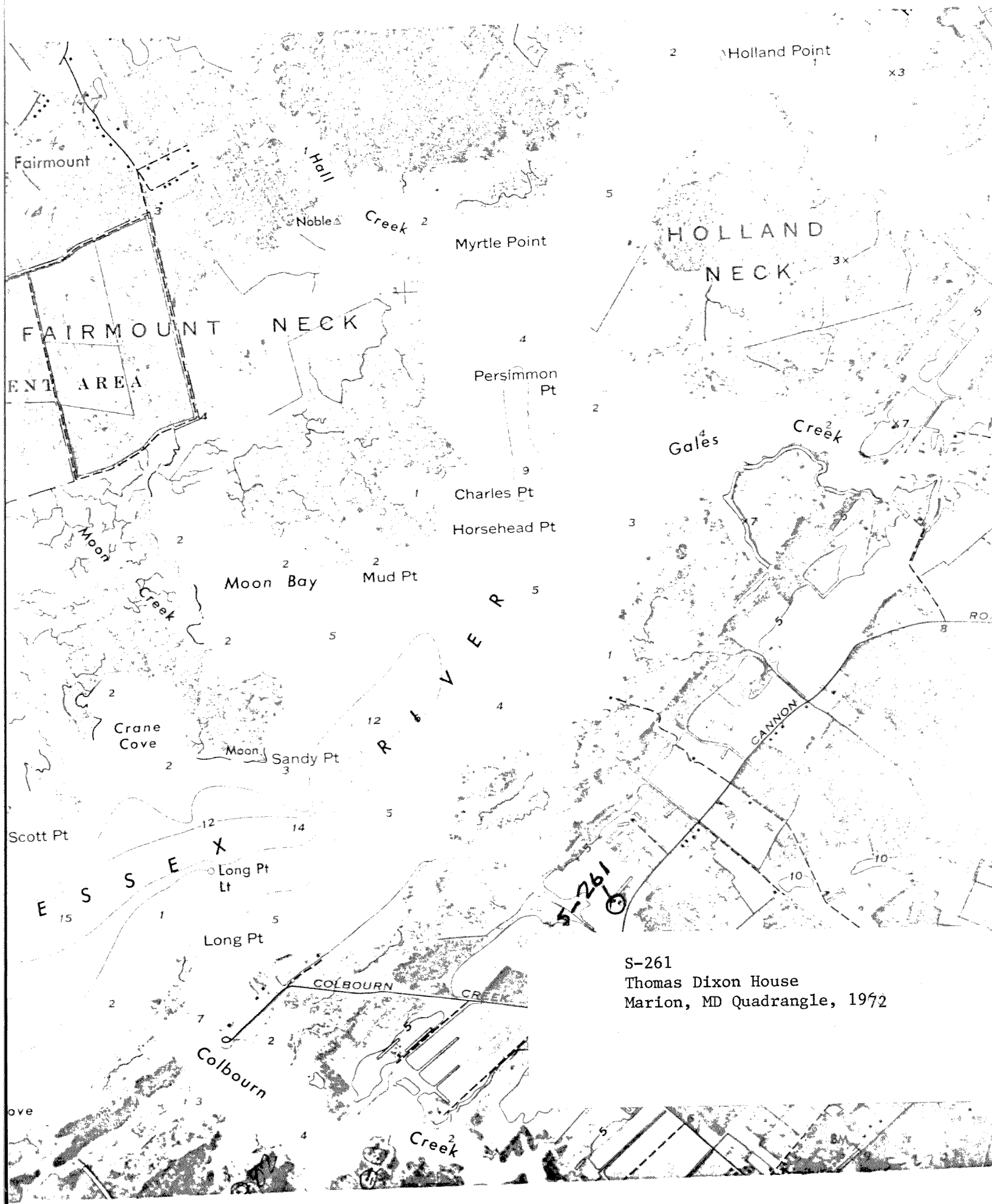
check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Thomas J. Dixon House is a moderately significant example of a third quarter of the 19th-century farmhouse with a distinguishing hip roof and bracketed eaves. The exterior and interior has been comprised with the application of modern materials. Most significantly, this farm is part of the Dixon family lands which figure prominently in the early years of Somerset history. The tradition of the Quaker Meeting House as part of the rear wing is unconfirmed.



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Thomas Dixon House
Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



Thomas Dixon House S-261
Near Marion, Somerset County
East Elevation
10/84, Paul Touart
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Thomas Dixon House S-261
Southwest Elevation
Near Marion, Somerset County
10/84, Paul Touart, Photographer
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